

FACT SHEET

FEE FOR USE OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

- A fee was initially established by the Committee on House Administration in 1992 for any medical services rendered by the Attending Physician, pursuant to Section 11 of H. Res. 423 (passed April 9, 1992).
- Based on an analysis of several databases on health care statistics, an independent consulting actuary estimated that the relative value of the services provided by the Attending Physician amounts to less than 45% of a federal employee's average annual share for prepaid health care plans available to federal employees in the Washington, D.C. area. If we multiply this percentage by the federal employee's average annual share of the 10 most expensive prepaid health care plans (lower priced plans tend to have deductibles or high co-payments) available to federal employees in the Washington, D.C. area, we get the annual fee.
- The annual fee for 2003 is \$418.18.

The Attending Physician services included are:

Office Visits	Accident Care	Physical Therapy
Routine Exam	Specialty Care	Durable Med Equipment
On-premises lab & x-ray	EEG/EKG	Hospital Visits
Prescriptions	Pap smear	
Consultations		

Services not provided by the Attending Physician:

Mental Health	In-patient Care	In-patient x-ray/lab
Substance Abuse	Anesthesia	Outpatient Hospital care
Surgery	Maternity	Mammography
Family care	Eye glasses	Dental care

- Checks are made payable to the U.S. Treasurer and forwarded to the House Finance Office (263 Cannon HOB). Payment of the fee entitles Members to unlimited visits to the Attending Physician during the calendar year in which paid. The cancelled check serves as receipt of payment; no receipts are issued by the Finance Office.
- Note: Pursuant to a May, 1992 directive of the Speaker, no prescriptions are currently dispensed. That is, prescriptions are written, but not filled, except for "starter doses, emergencies, and care of the Pages."

